

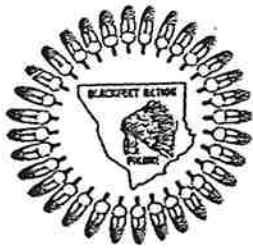


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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2023

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
9:55 A.M.**

Acting Chairman Lauren Monroe Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Robert DesRosier gave the prayer.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#733-2023}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:06 A.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 10:10 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE CREATION OF A FINANCE MONITOR POSITION FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TO BE ADVERTISED (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford made a Motion by Resolution {#756-2023} to approve the creation of a Finance Monitor position for the BTBC, with the current Job Description and to be advertised immediately. Second by Everett Armstrong.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 10:15 A.M. (7)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FACILITIES/SOLID WASTE (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, and Susie Lamere, Solid Waste Department Director, were present at the meeting to discuss a Fall Clean Up for the Blackfeet Reservation with the tentative dates of September 25, 2023 to October 7, 2023.

Garbage bags will be provided to the community at the Facilities Building and Trash Bins will be placed in the outlying communities. The Browning area will need to transport garbage to the Blackfeet Solid Waste, hours of operation will be released to the public.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FOR THE 2023 FALL CLEAN UP SCHEDULE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#757-2023} to approve a FY 2023 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Community Clean-Up for the 2023 Fall Clean-Up Schedule. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Discussion regarding fuel, bags and garbage dumping fees.

Robert DesRosier AMENDED his motion to increase the amount of the Budget Amendment to \$25,000.00. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING PAYMENT FOR COMMUNITY ROUND DANCE FROM REMAINING FUNDS OF THE BIRCH CREEK SETTLEMENT FUND (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#758-2023} to approve payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a Community Round Dance to be held on November 10, 2023 to November 11, 2023 from remaining Birch Creek Settlement funds approved under Resolution No. 673-2023. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

UPDATE/MARVIN WEATHERWAX JR. (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. updated the BTBC on the Badger-Two Medicine Honoring, USDA Rural Housing, the Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Amendments, and the President Biden Tribal Language Preservation. No action.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action for the repair of the Facilities Department Building roof.

The cost of the material is \$28,546.00, the cost of the labor is \$35,000.00 the project total cost is \$63,546.00.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM OILFIELD LUMBER AND SUPPLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING ROOF REPAIR (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#766-2023} to approve a Sole Source Purchase in the amount of \$28,546.00 from Oilfield Lumber and Supply for the Maintenance Building Roof repair from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Discussion.

Robert DesRosier AMENDED his motion to increase the amount to \$29,000.00. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR BILLEDEAUX CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE MAINTENANCE ROOF REPLACEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#714-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract for Billedeaux Construction to complete the Maintenance roof replacement. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF ONE (1) 2005 FEMA TRAILER THAT WAS USED FOR SOLID WASTE OFFICE SPACE IN LIEAU OF PAYMENT TO JOHN J. MONROE FOR THE REMOVAL AND SET UP OF NEW OFFICE SPACE TRAILER (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#715-2023} to authorize the disposal of one (1) 2005 FEMA Trailer that was used for Solid Waste Office space in lieu of payment to John J. Monroe for the removal and setup of new office space trailer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REALTY DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford, Realtor; and Joe Gervais, Treasurer, were present at the meeting to discuss a potential property purchase.

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 11:07 A.M. (8)*****

REALTY DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:26 A.M. (7)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 11:26 A.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:28 A.M. (7)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 11:33 A.M. (8)*****

REALTY DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion. No action.

APPROVING PAYMENT TO NORTHERN ACRES APPRAISAL SERVICES UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 116-2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#727-2023} to approve payment in the amount of \$21,000.00 to Northern Acres Appraisal Services under Resolution No. 116-2023 from the Water Department budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

GRANT WRITING UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Dorothy Still Smoking and Debbie Whitegrass, Honor your life, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on Grant Writing Trainings. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 12:26 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR BRIC, LLC TO COMPLETE BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR BLACKFEET FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (2024-2038) (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#716-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract for BRIC, LLC to complete Biological Assessment for Blackfeet Forest Management Plan update. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:40 P.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:24 P.M with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Director, and Donelle DeRoche, Revenue Compliance Clerk/Administrative Assistant, were present at the meeting to discuss the proposed Sliding Fee Scale, the Business License Code, VRBO's, Liquor License Fees, and Revenue being attained from the Department.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 1:38 P.M. (7)*****

ESTABLISHING SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR ELECTRIC PERMIT FEE REVENUE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#759-2023} to establish a separate Account for Electrical Permit Fee Revenue to be budgeted separately from the Revenue Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:18 P.M. (6)*****

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the final Cooperative Agreement with the USDA, fisheries funding request in the amount of \$1 Million, wastewater infrastructure, St. Mary's Canal rehabilitation, beavers, the need for a priority list for projects, hay harvested for local producers, knapweed spraying, and the Two Medicine water bills.

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:55 P.M. (7)*****

CORRECTING RESOLUTION NO. 579-2022 UPDATING LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE RETURN TO TRUST REQUEST (FORMER NEIL AND JANICE WOLDSTAD) LAND ACQUISITION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#717-2023} to correct Resolution No. 579-2022 updating Legal Description for the Return to Trust Request Land Acquisition for the former Neil and Janice Woldstad property. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING CONTRACT WITH ARMSTRONG CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE FOUNDATION FOR THE HEART BUTTE SENIOR CENTER (CLOSED SESSION):

{Action was taken August 22, 2023 for the selection of Armstrong Construction for the project.}

Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#718-2023} to approve a Professional Services Contract with Armstrong Construction to complete the foundation for the Heart Butte Senior Center. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING TASK ORDER #2311-01183-1 FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND KLJ ENGINEERING, LLC UNDER THE IDIQ AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#719-2023} to approve Task Order #2311-01183-1 for Planning and Program Administration between the Blackfeet Transportation Department and KLJ Engineering, LLC under the IDIQ Agreement. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH CAPITAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOTSHOT VEHICLE EQUIPMENT (CLOSED SESSION):

Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#720-2023} to approve a Sole Source Purchase with Capital Communications for Chief Mountain Hotshot vehicle equipment. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE WITH OUTLAW GRAPHICS FOR BLACKFEET CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOTSHOT VEHICLE GRAPHIC LETTERING (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source with Outlaw Graphics for Blackfeet Chief Mountain Hotshot vehicle graphic lettering. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH MOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCTS FOR TWO (2) UTV'S FOR THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOTSHOT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#721-2023} to approve a Sole Source Purchase with Mountain Power Products for two (2) UTV's for the Chief Mountain Hotshot Program. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REAFFIRMING E2017-138 FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES FOR ARCHAMBULT PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#722-2023} to reaffirm Excerpt No. E2017-138 for payment of Outstanding Taxes for Archambult Property. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

GERALD NO RUNNER/HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald No Runner was present at the meeting to discuss a housing issue.

The item was directed to the Law and Order Committee.

SWEARING IN/JULIE LENOIR (CLOSED SESSION): Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. swore in Julie Lenoir as the Tribal Appellate Court Associate Justice.

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

NARF UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Legal Department Special Attorney; and Wesley Furlong, Native American Rights Fund Lead Attorney, were present at the meeting to discuss the Badger – Two Medicine Court Settlement. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 4:44 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#735-2023}

CONFIDENTIAL/PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#734-2023}

HOWARD PEPION/HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong state Mr. Pepion is requesting assistance with his home in Last Star.

Jodi Carlson, Tribal Administrator, stated the HIP and Tribal Inspector will be directed to evaluate the home.

STICK GAME COMMITTEE/NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): There was a request in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Stick Game Committee Native American Heritage Month Tournament. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): a Personnel Action was taken.

LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Legal Issue. No action.

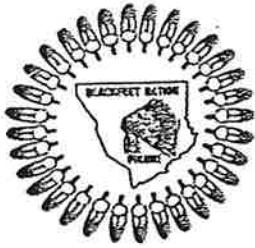
HOUSING GRANTS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall provided an update on Blackfeet Housing Grants. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Last Star made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

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APPROVED:


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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
9:19 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of eight (8) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford
Shelly Hall

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 9:28 a.m. (7)*****

APPROVING THE BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the July 5, 2023 General Session Minutes; the July 19, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the August 1, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the August 3, 2023 General Session Minutes; and the August 22, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING 6-6-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-220}

MALT LIQUOR: Discussion regarding the potential banning of Malt Liquor on the Blackfeet Reservation. Public comment and surveys will be reviewed.

APPROVING THE CREATION OF A REALTY ASSISTANT/LEASE COMPLIANCE GIS TECHNICIAN TO BE ADVERTISED (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#760-2023} to approve the creation of a Realty Assistant/Lease Compliance GIS Technician within the Blackfeet Land Department, to be advertised by the Personnel Department. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING HONORARY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve monthly meetings to be held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers with the Honorary Council Members and BTBC. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FERAL HORSE SALE: Shelly Hall stated there will be a feral horse sale at the Perry Ranch on September 27, 2023.

TREASURER'S UPDATE: Joe Gervais, Treasurer, stated the \$3 Million Tribal Consistency Fund has been accepted, the Tribal Funding will be able to make it to the end of the Fiscal Year, the 2021 Audit will be completed in October 2023, and the CARES Act & ARPA funding expenditures are being caught up to date.

DIRECTIVE TO HOUSING/ELDERLY HOMES: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct Blackfeet Housing to place the renovation of the boarded Elderly Homes located near the Eagle Shields Center as a priority project to be completed before winter. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-222}

APPROVING ANNUAL SPRING AND FALL RESERVATION CLEAN UP: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve annual Spring and Fall Reservation Clean Up. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-223}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:20 A.M. (6)*****

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, Myrna Galbreath, Annie Vielle, and Violet Prociv, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss Per capita payments, youth homelessness, industrial park, playgrounds, school clothes, and traffic lights.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Charles DeRoche, Steve Fenner, Edmund "Wishy" Augare, Richard Bird, Bruce Schildt, and Bill Spotted Eagle, were present at the meeting to suggest a day of prayer, a transitional home, alcohol, and Law & Order.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 10:47 A.M. (7)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 10:49 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING CONTROLLED BURNS: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve one (1) controlled burn a month (in accordance with the burn season). Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-224}

ALL DIRECTORS TO ATTEND BTBC GENERAL SESSIONS: Everett Armstrong made a motion to mandate all Tribal Program and Department Directors to attend all BTBC General Session Meetings. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-225}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 11:27 A.M. (6)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 11:27 A.M. (5)*****

GLACIER PARK CONSERVANCY: Cheryl Zwang, Glacier Park Conservancy, was present at the meeting to discuss funding, projects, names of Mountains in GNP, invasive species, and protection of waters. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 11:41 A.M. (6)****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 11:50 A.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:50 A.M. (6)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. 11:55 A.M. (7)*****

TWO MEDICINE SAR MMIP GROUP: The Two Medicine Search and Rescue Missing and Murdered Indigenous People group were present at the meeting to request funding, office space, t-shirts, safety supplies, and travel expenses to locate missing individuals.

No action.

BLACKFEET CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM HONORING: The Blackfeet Child Support Enforcement Program was acknowledged for an Award received.

RECESS: the Meeting Recessed at 12:51 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: the Meeting reconvened at 1:33 P.M. with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall

Robert DesRosier

ARDEN PEPION SEARCH: Aaron Pepion, Diana Burd, and Belinda Bullshoe, were present at the meeting to request to divert the river in a certain area to assist the search.

It was the Consensus of the BTBC to allow the diversion, pending Blackfeet Environmental Office Approval.

PERSONAL ISSUE/CINDA BURD-IRON MAKER (CLOSED SESSION): Cinda Burd-Iron Maker was present at the meeting to discuss a personal issue. No action.

BLACKFEET NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Craig Iron Pipe, Blackfeet NRCS, was present at the meeting to present a Power Point regarding the Conservation's efforts. No action.

BLACKFEET TRIBAL HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, presented a Power Point.

Discussion regarding finances.

CONFIDENTIAL/PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a Confidential Personnel Issue was discussed, no action.

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell, F&W Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action on the 2023-2024 F&W Annual Regulations.

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 BLACKFEET NATION FISH AND WILDLIFE ANNUAL REGULATIONS/CWD SCATT (CLOSED SESSION):

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an Amendment to the 2023-2024 Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Annual Regulations to provide for Regulation of Chronic Wasting Disease Scatt on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Robert DesRosier. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 BLACKFEET NATION FISH AND WILDLIFE ANNUAL REGULATIONS/TOP FENCE WIRE (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution to approve an Amendment to the 2023-2024 Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Annual Regulations to include that the top wire of fencing is to be 56 inches. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS BUDGET TO INCLUDE CARRY OVER FROM FY 2022 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#723-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for Chief Mountain Hotshots Budget to include Carry Over from FY 2022. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#731-2023}

THUNDER RADIO PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Special Counsel, and Brian DeMarco were present at the meeting to discuss the Thunder Radio Expansion Project. No action.

DIRECTIVE TO BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to direct the Blackfeet Environmental Office to enforce the Tribal Environmental Code in regards to the home of Gabe Grant. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-226}

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH TREVOR SPOTTED EAGLE, PAINTED SKY, LLC TO PROVIDE WEBSITE AND MEDIA SERVICES TO BLACKFEET MANPOWER (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#761-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract with Trevor Spotted Eagle, Painted Sky, LLC to provide website and media services to Blackfeet Manpower. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REORGANIZING THE BLACKFEET CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM UNDER THE BLACKFEET MANPOWER ONE-STOP CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#762-2023} to approve the Reorganizing of the Blackfeet Child Support under the Blackfeet Manpower One-Stop Center. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-1) (6)

*****Thomas Rutherford left the meeting at 4:53 P.M. (5)*****

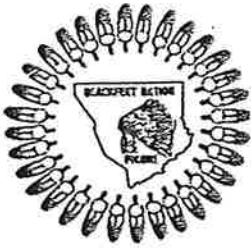
ROW ISSUE/JOYCE SPOONHUNTER (CLOSED SESSION): Joyce Spoonhunter was present at the meeting to discuss a Right of Way Issue. No action.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 5:13 P.M. (4)**

RECESS: The meeting Recessed at 5:16 P.M. (4)

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
(RECONVENED)
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
1:34 P.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.	Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Shelly Hall	Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong		

INVOCATION: KWebb Galbreath gave the prayer.

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director; and Dion Killsback, Water Department Attorney, were present at the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss potential Amendments to the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act.

AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BLACKFEET WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#752-2023} to authorize the Negotiations of Amendments to the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CIG AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and CIG Capital.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 2:10 P.M. (6)*****

VOIDING MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CIG CAPITAL, LLC WITH THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#763-2023} to void the Master Development Agreement with CIG, Capital LLC with the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 2:16 P.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL COURT (CLOSED SESSION): Brian Weatherwax was present at the meeting to discuss the Blackfeet Tribal Court. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 2:35 P.M. (6)*****

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding youth homelessness. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 2:51 P.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): A Confidential Action was taken.

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REALTY DEPT. (CLOSED SESSION): Robert Crawford, Realtor, was present at the meeting to discuss Realty Services provided to the Tribe.

APPROVING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A LAND ACQUISITION SPECIALIST/HOME OWNERSHIP POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): No action, the Position will be advertised.

PERSONNEL ISSUE/SOCIAL MEDIA (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 3:24 P.M. (6)*****

CHANGING THE TITLE OF TRIBAL DIRECTORS TO MANAGERS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to change the title of Tribal Directors to Managers.

Discussion.

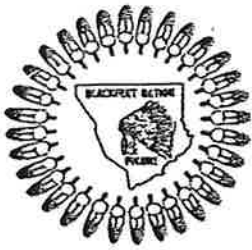
Action TABLED, a definition will be provided by the Legal Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
9:28 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Robert DesRosier
Thomas Rutherford Jr.

INVOCATION: Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION): items were added to the Agenda.

LAND DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gracie Show, Land Department Realty Specialist, was present at the meeting to discuss the Tribal Lease Rental Rates.

APPROVING RENTAL INCREASES FOR TRIBAL LEASES (CLOSED SESSION):
Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#774-2023} to approve the following Rental Rates for Tribal Leases;

- a. Recreational Lease - \$240.00 per year
- b. Homesite Lease - \$120.00 per year
- c. Commercial Lease \$2,000.00

Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

SPECIAL PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, Special Projects Coordinator, was present at the meeting to discuss the funds approved under Resolution No. 473-2023 the Fall Prevention – Ramp Home Modification Project.

No action, a Plan was emailed to the BTBC.

FACILITIES (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action to Amend Resolution No. 714-2023.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 714-2023 APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR BILLEDEAUX CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE MAINTENANCE ROOF REPLACEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#01-2024} to Amend Resolution No. 714-2023 approving Sole Source Contract for Billedeaux Construction to complete the Maintenance Building roof replacement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

EXTENDING FY 2023 BLACKFEET TRIBAL EMPLOYEE ACCUMULATED ANNUAL LEAVE HOURS TO OCTOBER 31, 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#775-2023} to extend Fiscal Year 2023 Blackfeet Tribal Employee Accumulated Annual Leave hours to October 31, 2023.

Everett Armstrong AMENDED his motion to include ALL Permanent Employees.

Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried with a vote of four (4) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Iliff Kipp Sr. & Shelly Hall. (4-2) (6)

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dana Pemberton, Personnel Director, was present at the meeting to discuss Personnel Items for BTBC Action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#776-2023}

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APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF SIYEH BOARD (CLOSED SESSION):
Excerpt {#E2023-227}

TRIBAL WAGE SCALE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

STATE OF MONTANA UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr., Mt. State Legislator; and Dion Killsback, Water Department Attorney, were present at the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss the potential Government shutdown, the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm, public safety, Blackfeet Water Settlement Act Amendments, and youth homelessness on the Blackfeet Reservation. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Personnel Issue, no action.

APPROVING CLASS I COMMISSION CARD (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#778-2023} & Excerpt {#E2023-229}

APPROVING LEASES FOR TRIBAL PROPERTIES (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Property Manager, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action on Tribal Lease Agreements.

The BTBC approved eight (8) separate Confidential Lease Agreements with various individuals.

HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a Confidential Action was taken.

APPROVING PAYMENT TO JOHN MONROE TO RELOCATE AND SETUP OLD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAILER TO BEAR TRACKS CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATION (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#779-2023} to approve payment to John Monroe to relocate and setup of the old Domestic Violence Trailer to Bear Tracks Convenience Store location. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ISSUING EVICTION NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to issue an Eviction Notice on Tribal Property. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ISSUING EVICTION NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to issue an Eviction Notice on Tribal Property. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 1:00 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with the following members present:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

HEART BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL: Colbin Eagle Speaker, Peyton Racine, Shanaya Weaselhead, and Avery Skunkcap, Heart Butte High School Student Council, were present at the meeting to request Mental Health support and activities for the Heart Butte Community youth.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:39 P.M. (6)*****

HEART BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL (CON'T.): there will be further discussions held between the Heart Butte High School and the Tribal Health CEO.

TRIBAL CREDIT (CLOSED SESSION): Tenneill Tatsey, Tribal Credit Director, was present at the meeting to discuss loan payments, office space, the Sharetec Agreement, and use or lose Annual Leave.

APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH SHARETEC, LLC FOR SHARETEC SYSTEM FOR THE TRIBAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution to approve the Agreement with Sharetec, LLC for Sharetec System for the Tribal Credit Department. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#02-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): A Confidential Personnel Action was taken.

DIRECTING CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS TO BURN LAGOON BERMS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to direct the Chief Mountain Hot Shots to burn the lagoon berms. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)
Excerpt {#E2023-228}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#780-2023}

HEART BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL (CON'T.): It was stated there has been funding set aside for the Heart Butte Community and the BTBC would like the Schools to come forward with requests for the funding to improve the Community.

CONSOLIDATING FUNCTIONS UNDER THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#771-2023} to approve the functions of Background Checks, Adjudications, and Drug Testing under the Internal Affairs Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Robert DesRosier. (5-0-1) (6)

APPROVING THE 2023-2025 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#781-2023} to approve the 2023-2025 Community Economic Development Strategy. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:33 P.M. (5)*****

TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

LEON RATTLER/BLACKFEET ARTIFACTS (CLOSED SESSION): Leon Rattler was present at the meeting to discuss Blackfeet Artifacts at the Berlin Museum. No action.

Lengthy discussion.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:10 P.M. (6)*****

TWO MEDICINE SAR (CLOSED SESSION): The Two Medicine Search and Rescue Group was present at the meeting to discuss data, establishment of the Group, and funding.

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CULTURE AND HOPE PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#782-2023} to approve a Budget Amendment for the Culture and Hope Program in the amount of \$75,000.00 from Tribal Health. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Robert DesRosier. (5-1) (6)

LAND PURCHASE DISCUSSION (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

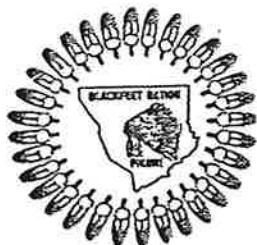
UPDATING COUNCIL COMMITTEES LIST AND OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 44TH TERM OF THE BTBC (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#769-2023} to update the Council Committees List and Outside Organization Appointments for the 44th Term of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

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SPECIAL SESSION
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
10:30 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Virgil Last Star

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE OF MEETING (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING THE FY 2024 BUDGET FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#768-2023} to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in the amount of \$16,110,194.00 for the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Robert DesRosier.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM THE BIRCH CREEK WATER SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 758-2023 “BIRCH CREEK SETTLEMENT FUNDS COMMUNITY EVENTS” TO THE STICK GAME COMMITTEE FOR STICK GAME TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution to approve \$3,000.00 from the Birch Creek Water Settlement Funds from Resolution No. 758-2023 “Birch Creek Settlement Funds – Community Events” to the Stick Game Committee for Stick Game Tournament. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM THE BIRCH CREEK WATER SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 758-2023 “BIRCH CREEK SETTLEMENT FUNDS COMMUNITY EVENTS” TO DE LA SALLE AND BUFFALO HIDE ACADEMY FOR YOUTH TRIP (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#770-2023} to approve an \$7,000.00 from Resolution No. 758-2023 “Birch Creek Settlement Funds – Community Events” to De La Salle and Buffalo Hide Academy for youth trip. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Virgil Last. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 11:02 A.M.

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